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SUBJ: SITE OF NEXT OPEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

REF: A. CARACAS 11352 (NOTAL); B. VIENNA 9775

1. OPEC SECGEN KHENE TOLD EMBOFF NOV. 19 FOLLOWING
KHENE SPEECH (SEE SEPTTEL) THAT IT IS NOT YET DECIDED
WHETHER OPEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, WHICH HAS BEEN
AND IS STILL SCHEDULED TO CONVENE IN VIENNA DEC. 12, WILL
IN FACT BE HELD IN VIENNA OR ALGIERS. KHENE EXPLAINED
THAT SHOULD ALGIERS BE SELECTED AS SITE, CHANGE WOULD OCCUR
SOLELY FOR LOGISTIC REASONS IN VIEW OF ENSURING
MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH WOULD PREPARE FOR QUOTE
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THE SUMMITE MEETING PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT BOUMEDDIENE UNQUOTE.

2. ANOTHER OPEC SOURCE INFORMS US TODAY THAT CHANGE OF VENUE WAS PROPOSED BY ALGERIA AND HAS BEEN APPROVED SO FAR ONLY BY IRAN'S AMOUZEGAR. ONE SECRETARIAT STAFFER TELLS US THAT VENUE OF OPEC MINISTERIAL WOULD BE CHANGED IF SIMPLE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS APPROVE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER, FOLLOWING OPEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE--WHETHER HELD HERE OR IN ALGIERS--THERE ARE PLANS FOR OPEC ENERGY MINISTERS TO PARTICIPATE WITH OPEC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN AFORE. MENTIONED SUMMIT PREPARATORY MEETING.HUMES

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